

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

SHANTHA SARAGAPANI et al.

Serial No. 09/886,663

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Group Art Unit: 1616


Examiner: Pak, John D.

For: MATERIAL COMPOSITIONS FOR MICROBIAL AND CHEMICAL PROTECTION

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed January 12, 2004, in which the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group III (claims 5-16) which is drawn to antimicrobial and chemical deactivating material comprising a laminating layer for providing a physical barrier to chemical

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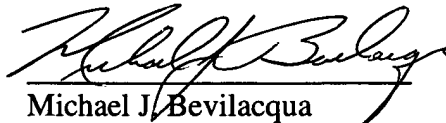
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vapors while permitting moisture to pass through said layer and catalytic and/or antimicrobial deposited. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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